

SPECIALIZED REENTRY PRISON PROGRAM



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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Georgia Legislative HB1176, passed during the 2012 legislative session, and was the foundation for implementing several service strategies to include the Program Prison Reentry Program. The Program Prison was instituted in January 2013 as part of the effort to provide a more aggressive treatment approach for the growing prison population in Georgia through the use of a Specialized Reentry Program (SRP). Riverbend Correctional Facility in Milledgeville, GA, has been identified as the facility to host the program. Nearly 80% of the population is enrolled in the program, and over 800 offenders meet the program's criteria.

MISSION

The Georgia Department of Corrections protects the public by operating safe and secure facilities through the development of professional staff and effective offender management.

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MISSION

- Provides programming to medium-security offenders with multiple needs who are within 36 months of release from custody
- Specialized reentry focuses on programs to optimize offender speed through the system

PURPOSE

Specialized reentry program developed to address multiple reentry issues facing offenders who are being released from custody. These issues hinder successful transition back into society, such as:

- Employment
- Housing
- Family ties
- Stigma of being an ex-felon
- Offender is enrolled in multiple programs, including Cognitive Behavioral and Substance use programs, to increase their contact with pro-social interventions
- Release offenders with maximum Performance Incentive Credits (PIC) earned
- PIC maximum credit earned is 12 months
- Reduces jail backlog

SCHEDULE

- Up to three classes per day depending on the offender's assessment treatment plan
- Substance use classes occur over a 4 to 32 week period of intervention
- Cognitive Behavioral groups occur over a 3 to 4 month period

SPECIALIZED REENTRY CRITERIA

- Next Generation Assessment/Bridge Assessment Case Plan/Texas Christian University Drug Screen (TCUDS) must be reviewed for accuracy and documented
- PIC eligible offenders with multiple needs get priority placement in the SRP
- Multiple needs consist of two or more assessed programming needs to include; cognitive, substance use, education, and career, technical or higher education
- Completion of Motivation for Change (M4C) before referral
- Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) performed; offender must be able to read at an 8th-grade level
- Positive disciplinary record; no disciplinary reports for the past six months.
- GED or High School diploma
- Need to be within 36 months of earliest release
- Medical/Physical/Mental Health capabilities

PROGRAM COURSES

- Thinking for a Change (T4C)
- Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT)
- Matrix Early Recovery Skills (ERS)
- Matrix Relapse Prevention (RP)
- Literacy Remedial Reading (LRR)
- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED)
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Business and Customer Service
- Sex Offender Psycho-Educational Program (SOPP)
- Reentry Skills Building
- Motivation for Change (M4C)

